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SUBJECT: NAPLES PSI PROVINCIAL CONGRESS AND ITS AFTERMATH

1. SUMMARY: THE PSI PROVINCIAL CONGRESS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN NAPLES ON JULY 8, 9 AND 10 MARKED A CLEAR SETBACK FOR THE DE MARTINO AND MANCINI FACTIONS, WHICH MANAGED, THOUGH, TO RETAIN CONTROL OF THE LOCAL PARTY STRUCTURE. THE DEMARTINIANI/MANCINIANI ALLIANCE HAS SINCE RE-ELECTED GUIDO DE MARTINO, SON OF THE FORMER PSI NATIONAL SECRETARY AND RECENT VICTIM OF A WELL-PUBLISHED KIDNAPPING, TO THE POST OF PARTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY. THE CONGRESS WAS MARRED BY INTERNAL DISPUTES AND DID NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THE PARTY'S FUTURE IN NAPLES WARRANTS OPTIMISM. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PSI PROVINCIAL CONGRESS FOR NAPLES TOOK PLACE HERE JULY 8,

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9 AND 10. THE OUTCOME WAS SOMETHING OF A SETBACK FOR THE DEMARTINIANO/MANCINIANO ALLIANCE WHICH HAS DOMINATED THE LOCAL PARTY STRUCTURE FOR YEARS. IN 1972 THESE TWO FACTIONS OBTAINED 78.4 OF THE BALLOTING IN THE CONGRESS WHILE THE OPPOSITION, THE AUTONOMIA, SINISTRA AND SINTESE GROUPS MANAGED TO PUT TOGETHER ONLY 21.6. THE RESULTS OF THE LATEST (77) CONGRESS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DEMARTINIANI/MANCINIANI, 58.3 AND 31 SEATS; AUTONOMIA/FORMER
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DEMARTINIANI AND LEFT, 37.4 AND 20 SEATS; OTHERS, 4.3 (A MINIMUM OF 10 WAS NEEDED TO GAIN SEATS SO THEY GAINED NONE).
3. THE EFFORTS AT UNIFICATION BY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY GUIDO DE MARTINO DID NOT BEAR FRUIT BUT THIS WAS NO SURPRISE. THE MOOD OF THE CONGRESS WAS HOT AND CONTENTIOUS AND CONTRASTS WERE FREQUENT, ESPECIALLY ON THE PART OF A NEWLY-FORMED SUB-FACTION OF SOCIALIST METAL WORKERS CALLED "6 MARZO" OR MARCH 6. CURIOUSLY, ALL OF THE

SPEAKERS CHOSE TO DISCUSS NATIONAL PROBLEMS, IGNORING THE NEAPOLITAN ISSUES MUCH CLOSER TO HOME. ONLY THE NON-NEAPOLITAN CLAUDIO SIGNORILE MENTIONED THE BAGNOLI ITALSIDER STEEL MILL, REAFFIRMING THAT THE PSI WILL STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE PLANT FROM NAPLES. THERE WAS A LOT OF TALK ABOUT THE "ALTERNATIVA DI SINISTRA" BUT VERY FEW PEOPLE REALLY BELIEVE THAT THE "ALTERNATIVA"

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HAS ANY CURRENT POLITICAL REALTY.

4. AFTER THE CONGRESS, THE PARTY PROVINCIAL COUNCIL RE-ELECTED GUIDO DE MARTINO PROVINCIAL SECRETARY. HIS NUMBER ONE TASK WILL BE TO REBUILD PARTY UNITY. THE PARTY'S WOBBLY STATE HERE AND NATIONALLY MAKES HIS JOB SO MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. COLANTONIO.

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